

Greenland. He told of stalking like a giant through a forest of dwarf willows in Northern Labrador. Of the large flowers of the little arctic poppies only a few inches high, of the saxifrage whose leaves furnished a salad to the explorers, of the blueberries that often ripened under the snow. All the plants blossom together about as soon as the short arctic summer begins. The color of the arctic is not prevailingly white, the captain said, but often brilliant red or purple due to the lichens which cover the rocks. His description of the birds and mammals was as interesting as that of the plants, especially of the little auks or dovekeys which were noisy all day long during the nightless summer months so that sleeping was difficult and of the burgomeister gull that frequently caught and devoured the dovekeys while in flight. The talk was the high spot of a day perfect as to weather and full of botanical interest. The rocky hills with the fine forest covering, the curious swamps in the depressions on the hill tops, the patches of hemlock and the varied undergrowth make the region one of unusual charm. White Plains is to be complimented on keeping such a region in a wild, unspoiled condition.

GEORGE T. HASTINGS

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

MEETING OF MAY 21, 1930

The meeting was called to order at The New York Botanical Garden at 3:30 P.M. by President Sinnott. Minutes of the meetings of April 16 and May 6 were read and approved. Twenty-two members were present. As Dr. Harris of Cold Spring Harbor has passed away a motion was made and seconded that resolutions be prepared and recorded in the minutes of the Club. The chairman appointed a committee of three consisting of Dr. John Hendley Barnhart, Dr. A. F. Blakeslee and Dr. Howard J. Banker to prepare such resolutions.

A motion was made and seconded that we appoint an endowment committee to take care of the Endowment Funds.

The following were unanimously elected to membership in the club: Miss Elizabeth Aldrich, 136 West 12th Street, New York City; Dr. Paul W. Graff, Research Dept., Corn Products Refining Company, Edgewater, New Jersey; Miss Frieda Lichtman, 128 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City; and Miss

Mabel E. Rich, 1 Mayflower Drive, Colonial Heights, Tuckahoe, New York.

The resignations of Mr. J. H. Parker and Mr. Victor Schechter were accepted with regret.

Dr. Elmer D. Merrill, Director-in-Chief of The New York Botanical Garden gave an interesting talk on the "Recent Developments in Botanical Exploration in China."

Mr. Kenneth R. Boynton, Head Gardener, of the New York Botanical Garden gave an interesting talk on the "New Species in the Florists Plant List."

Meeting adjourned at 5 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
FORMAN T. MCLEAN  
*Secretary*

#### MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 1930

The meeting was called to order at the American Museum of Natural History at 8:20 P.M. by President Sinnott. Minutes of the meeting of May 21 were read and approved. Thirty-four members were present.

Dr. and Mrs. N. L. Britton, who had previously been unanimously elected to honorary life membership, chose to become regular life members and contributed \$100.00 each toward the club. Their contributions were accepted with appreciation, and they were unanimously elected to regular life membership.

The following people were unanimously elected to membership in the club: Miss Bertine E. Weston, 62 West 45th Street, New York; Miss Eleanor A. Friend, 40 Thayer Street, New York; Miss Grace R. Frazee, 67 East 4th Street, Clifton, N. J.; Mr. V. L. Frazee, 67 East 4th St., Clifton, N. J.; Miss Augusta Kovaleff, 237 West 107th Street, New York; Miss Beatrice Scally, 244 Glenwood Avenue, East Orange, N. J.; Miss A. Mabel Barrow, 447 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn; Miss Trotman C. Barrow, 447 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn; Mr. James Murphy, 110 East 42nd Street, New York; Mr. Harold J. Engstrom, 179 Chippewa Road, Tuckahoe; and Mr. Robert R. Coles, 7 Glen Place, Glen Cove, Long Island.

The resignation of Dr. R. G. Eccles was accepted with regret.

Dr. A. H. Graves reported that Japanese chestnuts were fruiting freely on Long Island and showed burs of these containing chestnuts.

Dr. F. T. McLean reported that Dr. Rusby found young fruiting chestnut trees on his farm at Pequonnock.

Dr. R. A. Harper told about the destruction of lawns and of seedlings of Azaleas and Crepe Myrtles by growths of *Myxomycetes* smothering the plants.

Mr. Alfred T. Beals also reported on similar action of *Myxomycetes* in seed beds and lawns.

Dr. C. S. Gager told about his visit to the Botanical Gardens in Berne, Padua and Pisa and of the contrasts of the botanical gardens of Italy with those of England. The Italian gardens exist for the plants. In them there are a great many kinds of plants very well grown but with very little thought to ornamental effects. The English Botanical Gardens, on the other hand, emphasize the ornamental display of their plants and they use fewer kinds. Thus the plants exist in the English Botanical Garden for the gardens.

Mr. G. T. Hastings reported on his observations of ferns and wild life during his summer vacation in Pennsylvania.

Dr. T. Hazen told about his visit to the Hopkins Marine Laboratories of Leland Stanford University in California where he collected Kelps 60 feet long. He also showed samples of algae which grow in salt brine. Some of these cause the development of red color in commercial salt, the red algae being able to live even in the dry salt crystals. One of these organisms causes a sweetish odor in the red colored salt. He also observed the little red organisms causing the phenomenon of red snow. In contrast with this he found other algae growing in Hot Springs where the temperature was too high to bear the hand comfortably.

Mr. Beals gave a good detailed report of his finding the interesting purple fringed orchis in Northern New Hampshire. He also made mention of a trip to White Bog, New Jersey where he saw some of the large varieties of blueberries developed by Miss White and Mr. Coville.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 for refreshments which were served by Mrs. Hastings.

Respectfully submitted,  
 FORMAN T. MCLEAN  
*Secretary*